Minor Irrigation Schemes

1239. SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal of Central assistance for Safe Stage Works and improvement of Minor Irrigation Schemes in Gujarat was submitted by the State Government of Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the progress made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) No, Sir. No proposal by Government of Gujarat on Central assistance for Safe Stage Works and improvement of Minor Irrigation Schemes in Gujarat has been submitted to Government of India. However, during 2005-2006, Government of Gujarat has submitted 42 Nos. of water bodies under Pilot scheme, *viz.* "National Project for Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies directly linked to Agriculture" in two districts *viz.* Sabarkantha (17 Water Bodies) and Banaskantha (25 water bodies). The estimated cost of above schemes is Rs. 655.14 lakh and Rs. 766.53 lakhs respectively and has been approved by the Government of India under the Pilot scheme. The Central Share of Rs. 2.654 crore and Rs. 3.10 crore has since been released for Sabarkantha and Banaskantha, respectively.

Integrated National project by Interlinking of rivers

†1240. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to announce an Integrated National Project by interlinking fourteen rivers of the country in order to control rising crisis of irrigation and power;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these fourteen rivers include those rivers also which are under international treaty;

(c) whether an important issue like flood control has not been included in this national project of fourteen rivers; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Government of India has decided to take up 14 projects as National Projects. Out of these 14 projects, 9 projects are on the international rivers/their tributaries. Further, one of the proposed National Projects namely, Ken-Betwa is river interlinking project.

(c) and (d) One of the National projects, namely, Upper Siang in Arunachal Pradesh envisages flood moderation benefits.

Sardar Sarovar Project

1241. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sardar Sarovar Project is a multi-purpose project which will

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